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Why child rights activists are worried as integration of Childline 1098 with national emergency number 112 nears

CHILDLINE 1098 TO GO OFFLINE

State to switch line by Jan 31, 2023; job security of helpline employees uncertain

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Come January 31, children in distress or seeking help have to dial 112 instead of dialling the existing Childline 1098. The Union Ministry of Women and Child Development has decided to integrate the child helpline 1098 with the national emergency number 112.

Union Ministry of Women and Child Development under Secretary Manoj Kumar Prabhat wrote a letter to all Principal Secretaries of Women and Child Development and Social Justice of all States and Union Territories stating that the child helpline shall be run in coordination with State and District functionaries and shall be integrated with the

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“Childline 1098 is a strong system built to protect children; this system needs to be strengthened and not abolished
— Nagasimha G Rao
activist

No small mercies

Citizens upset as recreation clubs denied police clearance

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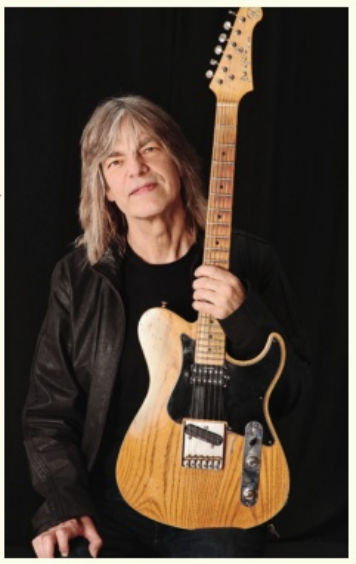
3 THINGS TO DO

01 Jazz it up



If you are one of those who love to know your favourite celebrities through interviews, chance is here. Stalwarts of Music hosted by Aditya Veera features accomplished musicians from various parts of the world. This Friday Veera will be talking to multi-Grammy nominees like Mike Stern and Pete Bellotte. **Where: Live from @adix70**
When: Friday, December 30; 5 pm and 7 pm

02 Love for Kabuliwala

As the world celebrates 2021-22 as the 160th birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore, grab the chance to watch one of the most popular plays of his 'Kabuliwala'. The story explores the bond developed between a child and a stranger. The short story is the most translated and loved works of Gurudev. **Where: Ranga Shankara**
When: Saturday, January 7

03 Colourful play

Based on the bestselling book- 'The day the Crayons Quit', this play is about how all the crayons in a box are protesting about a common problem and now they decide to quit. This is a wonderful chance for your kids to watch the visual and musical elements brought alive through a play. **Where: Jus Trufs Chocolatiers**
When: Saturday, January 7

Let common man's clubs come back to life too

With no police clearance to reopen small clubs, senior citizens, commoner have no affordable place to unwind with game of badminton or billiards

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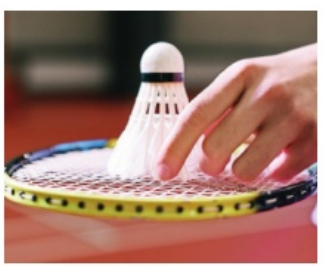
Police have not cleared the opening of over 200 recreation clubs in the city. The decision has come as a shock to senior citizens and daily wagers. The fact that bars and restaurants are back in business after the pandemic while recreation clubs are still shut defies logic, they said. Many senior citizens pointed out that after retirement, they became members of clubs to pursue activities to help them relax and keep fit.

"A good game of badminton after going through the daily newspaper keeps you up and running throughout the day," said Manoj, a member of Mahalakshmi Sports and Cultural Association (MSCA) in Majestic.

The clubs voluntarily shut operations in March 2020 after the first lockdown, and despite all sports stadiums, cinema halls, and malls opening up in April this year, they still remain shut. This impacts more than 25,000 employees, including daily wage workers. Chandra Gowda, president of MSCA, disclosed that most senior citizens from middle and lower middle class households gained affordable memberships from Rs 5,000-10,000 in these local clubs.



"To acquire memberships in elite clubs is beyond the reach of the middle class. They are comfortable at their locality associations, but now that these are shut for more than three years, they are missing out on their fitness," said Gowda.

"A daily wage worker in any club earns Rs 500, and that effectively means Rs, 15,000 a month. But with no earnings for the last three years, cleaners, helpers, sweepers, and cooks have migrated to other states in search of jobs," said Gowda.

He also pointed out that through the pandemic, most clubs supported their staff, but with no green signal from the police to start activities, many cannot keep financing staff without any remuneration.

A police officer said that most of these clubs were 'gambling dens' posing as recreation clubs, which is why they did not get their green signal. Retired government and public service employees, on the other hand, said the police were not playing fair.

"All the clubs are running their card rooms and other recreation activities, and it is no secret that the police are dealing with this issue with a jaundiced eye," said Srinidhi Rangaswamy, a member of a residents' association. KB Mohan, president of the five-decade old Padma Recreation Association in Majestic pointed out that the high court observed in a recent judgement while granting relief to a recreational club in Mysuru district, that the authorities should not act with the presumption that every registered society/association /club will indulge in unlawful activities.

Over 200 recreation clubs in the city were shut during the pandemic in March 2020; so far they haven't been able to operate

> **"It is not true that clubs conduct high stakes card games. We have over 200 middle income group members and they will protest if we indulge in unlawful activities** – AR Sharath, Bangalore City Merchant Institute

Siragalli Lakshmidevi Recreation Club situated in Talakadu Hobli of T Narasipura Taluk had challenged the police action contending that it obtained a licence under the provisions of the Licensing and Controlling places of public amusement order to allow its members to play rummy, chess, carrom, and billiards on its premises.

Allowing the petition, Justice KS Hemalekha said the authorities need to act with the realisation that surveillance and raids have to be used in bona fide exercise of powers to enforce the provisions of the Karnataka Police Act. AR Sharath, president of the Bangalore City Merchant Institute, said, "It is not true that recreation clubs in small localities are conducting high stakes card games.

We have more than 200 regular middle income group members and they will protest if we indulge in unlawful activities."

Champion riders from Bengaluru ace drag racing event

Bengaluru riders Alimon Saidalavi and Hemanth Muddappa scored dominating wins in their respective superbike categories in the third round of the MMSC fmsci Indian National Motorcycle Drag Racing Championship 2022 at the Madras International Circuit, here on Thursday.

Alimon continued his winspree in the Unrestricted category as he took the honours on a Kawasaki Ninja H2, in a record time of 07.556 seconds over 302 metres to repeat his Round-2 victory yesterday, as he finished ahead of Hemanth Muddappa (Mantra Racing) and Attaulla Baig, also from Bengaluru.

Alimon, thus, set the fastest time at the MIC, bettering the previous best of 07.749 by Muddappa. The victory also gave Alimon an unassailable 32-point lead over Baig in the championship standings with a round to spare. Another Bengaluru rider, Anish Damodara Shetty (PRN Motorsports) notched a splendid win in the 361-550cc class on a KTM RC-390 bike. **– PTI**

We wish you a safe NYE

All you wanted to know about security arrangements in city for tomorrow's party

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New Year's eve is turning out to be a tense time in the city, what with several restrictions. Police Commissioner CH Pratap Reddy on Thursday said that in the interest of public safety, traffic movement has been restricted in areas that will see a large number of people. The department is also closing down 30 flyovers to prevent accidents.

The commissioner also announced that in addition to the 4,000 traffic police officers, 5,200 civil policemen will be sanctioned stationed across the city to regulate the flow of commuters and partygoers.

"Private vehicle movement has been restricted on MG Road, Brigade Road, Church Street, St. Marks Road, Rest House Road and Residency Road on intervening night of December 31 and January 1.

The department will use 20 drone cameras and additional CCTV cameras to monitor law and order in the city. "We have mapped 1,16,000 CCTV cameras across the state that are in our database from where we can retrieve footage," he said.

Women's safety

The police announced on Thursday that there would be a strong crackdown on molesters, drug sellers, traffic violators, and other miscreants on December 31. The authorities would put a greater emphasis on guaranteeing the protection of women and children.

The police commissioner added that in order to protect women, the police department has established "Women Safety Islands" at key locations in the city, which will be manned by female police officers.

"Our main objective is to safeguard women and children and to crack down on lawbreakers who engage in sexual assault and physical violence," Reddy stated. "We have also instructed all hotels, bars, and restaurants to scan customers without their masks on in order to facilitate quick identification. In addition, individuals are urged to report any illegal activity to local law enforcement or by phoning 112 if they see it," added Reddy.

The traffic police have also urged people who would be driving to refrain from drinking alcohol. The traffic department will also be engaging in a nightlong check against drunk driving.

In order to regulate crowds, approximately 3,000 police officers will be stationed in strategic locations including Brigade Road, MG Road, and Residency Road, and another 2,500 officers will be stationed in places like Koramangala, Indiranagar, and Whitefield.

"All flyovers will be closed from 9 pm to 6 am, except for the Hebbal flyover that leads to the airport. We have also talked to the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL), to run metro train services in the city on the eve of till 2 am on January 1," stated MA Saleem, Additional Commissioner of Police (Traffic). He added that the traffic police are focused on reducing the chances of accidents.

"We have seen that in the past few years there were a lot of fatal accidents on New Years so this time we are keeping a close eye on violators. Our men are posted on several checkpoints," said Saleem.

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Ejipura yearns for peace as construction work keeps citizens up at night

Planner: Can do this, can't do that

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A section of Bengalureans are travelling out of the city for the year-end festivities. If you are wondering, which places could be out of bounds for NY, we have got you covered. Read on, before making a plan:

No entry to DD Hills, Namada Chilume and Basadi Betta

Tumakuru District Deputy Commissioner YS Patil has said that the public will be barred from entering places like Namada Chilume, Basadi Betta and Devarayanadurga (DD Hills). The prohibition will be in effect from 8 PM of December 31 to 8 am of January 2.

He said that this is to avoid untoward incidents. "People may drive rashly under the influence of alcohol and that may end up in fatal accidents. As this is a forest area, travelling in the night could be dangerous due to the movement of wild animals as well. So, we have decided to bar these places for the public," the DC said.

No entry for bikers on NICE Road

A portion of NICE Road may not allow two-wheelers between 8 pm on Saturday till Sunday 6 am. Police said that they have noticed an increase in accidents on 8 km of NICE Road stretch between Dhananyakanahalli bridge and NICE office. And as two-wheeler riders are most vulnerable, they may not be allowed to use this stretch.

No party in Nandi

Alas, our favourite party spot is out of bounds. Nandi Hills Special Officer Gopal said, "There won't be entry to any tourist on the night of December 31. We are receiving many inquiries but like every year, we won't allow any tourists in the night time."

No booking at Bandipur

Booking has been temporarily stopped at guest houses in Bandipur. Forest department officials said that every year, there is no entry for tourists to stay at night between December 30 and January 1. However, this year, a special programme has been planned to mark the 50th year of Project Tiger at Bandipur. As this programme is to be attended by Union Forest Minister and NTCA members, all the guest houses have been booked till January 3.

Metro trains till 2 AM

Namma Metro will be extending services on Saturday till 2 am. During the extended hours, trains would operate at a frequency of 15 minutes on the entire network. The last train will be as follows; Baiyappanahalli-1:35 am, Kengeri -1:25 am, Nagasandra - 1:30 am and Silk Institute-1:25 am. The last train will leave from Majestic to all the four directions at 2 am.

No rain clouds

The good news is that the Met department has predicted Saturday as a 'dry day'. Experts say that the northeast monsoon may be over and a dry spell is likely to last for the rest of the month.

They say that the partly cloudy sky may turn to clear sky by evening or night. The maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to be around 28 and 17 degree Celsius.

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Folks sway from side to side in Bhoganahalli

There are many schools nearby, including pre-schools, making commute difficult for school children and their parents using this stretch every day

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Residents staying near Bhoganahalli say that the 100 m stretch is in a terrible condition as it is filled with potholes. They say that the road is quite busy and its poor condition causes inconvenience to commuters.

They say that there are a number of schools nearby and many toddlers who use the road to travel. The potholes spread across the road makes it very dangerous for them.

Savita Daliga, a resident of the area, said, "Very recently the authorities fixed a major part of the road, but they forgot this stretch. There are terrible craters on both sides of the road. Everyday almost 50 to 60 school buses ply on the road, and some of the schools are pre-school, which means that very small kids use this road to go to class. It is like a bone-breaking experience. This problem has been there for one year. There were potholes on the other roads that had been, but the ones here have been abandoned."

Some residents also say that because of the poor condition of the road, there are frequent traffic congestions in the area.

Residents living here have been complaining about frequent traffic congestions in the area due to the state of the stretch

One of them told Bangalore Mirror that these congestions were an everyday thing. "Whenever two-wheeler get near the potholes, they have to slow down, otherwise they will lose their balance. once people use this road, they have to go very slow." People in the area also mentioned that during rains the condition of the stretch becomes even worse. Arjun Ashok, another resident, said the road becomes very dangerous after a downpour because the potholes get filled up with water and commuters cannot tell how deep they are. "It becomes very difficult to cross the road. Moreover, so many parents come to drop their kids off at the schools nearby, and it is very hectic for them too. It is very unsafe overall," he added.

> "One cannot walk or drive vehicles comfortably here. Even on buses, people sway from one side to the other in this area
> – Arjun Ashok, commuter

Ashish Ranjan, also a resident, said, "The road is in a terrible condition. One cannot walk or drive vehicles comfortably here. Even on buses, people sway from one side to the other while going through this area. I have seen so many people lose their balance and fall because of the poor condition of the road. Despite that, the authorities have not taken any steps." A BBMP official said that they would look into the area and try to start work soon.

Ears in Ejipura yearn for break

Construction work in 21st Cross is keeping residents up at night

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Residents of 21st Cross Road in Ejipura said that they have been stressed because of the construction noise in the area. They say that construction has been going on for months, creating not just an inconvenience but also safety issues for them.

Aastha Prakash, a resident of the area, told Bangalore Mirror, "If the construction would have been going on for a month or something it would have been fine, but it has been going on for many months now and is causing us all a lot of stress. Sometimes the sounds become unbearable. There have been so many times that the sound has triggered headaches for me."

Aman Sharma, another resident, said "It would be very helpful if they finish the work soon. It has been going on for so many months. I work the entire night and it is only during the morning when I get to sleep. However, because of the construction work I am not able to sleep even at that time. Last week I was not able to sleep properly at all and that affected my health pretty badly."

People living in the area also reported that the workers leave the construction material in the middle of the road, and as a result, the area gets blocked and leads to chaos. Reshma Kumar, also a resident, told BM that the roads are all blocked because of the construction work, and that leads to a lot of traffic congestion too.

She said that every time she tries to book a cab, the cab drivers refuse to come to the location and even cancel the trip because of this issue. The same happens with delivery personnel. "We have to go to faraway points to collect our orders," she added.

Construction work in this area is also leading to workers leaving construction material on the sides of the road, blocking them

Sameer S, also an affected resident, said, "The road has also become dangerous for the kids living here. The construction materials are left on the roadside and there are a lot of children in our area. While crossing the road, they do not pay much attention and end up injuring themselves. Even commuting is very inconvenient in this area because whatever space was there has been taken up by the construction people for keeping their material.

Just the other day my cab driver refused to pick me up from my residence. After a minute, when I reached the place where he was waiting, I realised he had cancelled the ride. It took me almost another hour or so to find another cab."

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Bad Road
Majestic

The road in front of Majestic bus stand is of poor quality.

Provide parking
OMBR Layout

CMR College on 4th Main Road, OMBR Layout does not provide two-wheeler parking for students, resulting in parking of vehicles on both sides of the road.

Cleaning needed
Sampangiram Nagar

This area in 6th cross corner, Sampangiram Nagar needs regularised cleaning.

Watch out for city's killer 'straight roads'

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Bengaluru has the second-highest rate of accidents taking place on 'straight roads' in the country. Latest data from the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MORTH) shows that many Bengalureans tend to violate traffic rules on straight roads, and as a result, accidents happen. Around 2,864 accidents have taken place in the city on straight roads and 550 have lost their lives (third in the country in terms of fatal accidents on straight roads). Surprisingly, road accidents in the city are less frequent on curved roads (281 accidents, 60 deaths).

While analysing road data, roads fall under straight, curved, culverts, bridges, potholes, and more. "Drivers may be a bit cautious while travelling on a curved road or bridge. Many are under the impression that a straight road gives them freedom to travel at higher speeds as they can see the road ahead. However, this overconfidence can also lead to accidents," said a traffic expert.

MORTH has classified the top 10 cities in the country based on the number of accidents reported by them in 2021. Chennai recorded the highest number of accidents in 2021. In terms of overall accidents, Bengaluru stands fifth in the country. However, when fatalities are accounted for, Bengaluru stands third after Delhi and Chennai.

Road accidents in the city are far less on curved roads than straight ones; Straight roads accounted for 65.8% road accidents in the country

'Straight roads' accounted for 65.8 per cent of road accidents, 64.6 per cent road accident deaths, and 65.6 per cent injuries in the country. Apart from straight roads, the T-type junctions are quite dangerous. Road junctions are traffic merging points and prone to accidents. Data from 50 Million Plus Cities in India reveals that 36.5 per cent of accidents, 32.9 per cent deaths, and 35.9 per cent injuries in 2021 took place at various types of junctions.

The leading cities in terms of accidents on T-Junctions are Jabalpur (1,273), Delhi (534) and Bengaluru (492).

For the second consecutive year in 2021, speeding remains the main traffic violation associated with accidents, deaths, and injuries. In terms of road accident deaths on account of speeding, Chennai (952 deaths) ranked first, followed by Bengaluru (601 deaths).

In terms of road fatalities, Bengaluru was third in the country with 654 deaths in 2021. The report stated, "The top 10 cities are selected based on the number of fatalities reported in 2021. They, together, accounted for 43.13 per cent of road accident deaths.

The report states that road accidents tend to be concentrated in urban areas because of dense population and traffic congestion.

Try this DIY dog healthcare kit

B'luru startup develops testing kit to detect genetic ailments in dogs

The do-it-yourself kit allows pet lovers to conduct the test on their fur babies from their homes

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As many dogs end up with hereditary diseases, it gets difficult for pet parents to understand why some of their healthy fur babies ended up with ailments. A Bengaluru-based start-up has come forward with testing kits to detect genetic ailments of animals at an early stage.

22-year-old Akash Murali, an animal lover himself, came up with the idea of early detection of genetic ailments when his dog Milo was diagnosed with arthritis when he was just two years old. He realised that he was unaware of his pet's genetic history and the potential health complications Milo could face in the future.

This motivated Murali to come up with a solution that would make DNA testing accessible, accurate, and affordable for all pet parents, so he started Urban Animal.

Ideal for all breeds and ages, the do-it-yourself, pain-free tests can be conducted from the comfort of a person's homes and helps map a dog's health against 130+ genetic conditions.

Urban Animal also offers free vet consultations with its in-house veterinarians to help pet parents understand the reports better.

Murali said, "We have tested around 70 dogs in Bangalore with a sharp increase seen in the recent past. Many of them have come from Cessna, RMV, and Indira pet clinic. We test for over 130 genetic health conditions and 20 physical traits. The list of genetic markers has been validated by the International Society for Animal Genetics (ISAG) as the most statistically prevalent genetic health conditions in dogs."

The list of diseases includes ophthalmic (eye related) dermatological (skin related) neurological, renal (kidney related), skeletal, and muscular issues, among others.

Notable diseases include Menkes, Cone Rod Dystrophy, Hypothyroidism, and Urolithiasis."

Pet parents can easily avail the kit on the online website and they are shipped free of cost across India. "We ship our test kits pan-India free of cost.

The kit contains two swabs, a tube with balancing liquid, and a sealable pouch. Using the swabs, the saliva is collected and the swabs are left in the balancing liquid which is closed and sealed in the pouch provided. We analyse the saliva to send a health report for your dog. The report includes more information about the disease, symptoms to look out for, general onset age of the disease, and management strategies. Those suspecting their dogs to be prone to developing a chronic condition due to certain visible symptoms can also opt for these test kits," added Murali.

"The kit contains two swabs, a tube with balancing liquid, and a sealable pouch. Saliva can be collected with the swabs

– Akash Murali, Urban Animal

As dogs are most comfortable with their parents, the parent is required to collect saliva from the cheek pouches of the dog (no blood is needed and the test takes only a couple of minutes), he explained.

"Post collection of the saliva, we pick up the sample and deliver it to our lab, and the report is sent via email," he added.

Going forward, Urban Animal wants to expand its product portfolio and introduce genetic testing for cats and breed purity tests for pets.

3 held for stealing phones

The Ashok Nagar police recently arrested three men for selling stolen mobile phones by changing the IMEI number. They have been identified as Ajeet alias 'Brut', Gopi and Shahil.

Ajeet and Gopi were engaged in snatching the mobile phones and would later hand them over to Shahil.

Shahil would then change the IMEI number of the device by using a software.

"The stolen mobile phones were switched off instantly and the SIM card was thrown away. Later, the IMEI number was changed. Meanwhile, we had registered a complaint and were tracking the stolen phone using the IMEI number which was already changed," said the police.

This is why it was difficult for the police to track the accused. Later, acting on a tip off, police arrested the accused and are still conducting an investigation. **–BMB**

Student falls to death from 3rd floor

A college student died after falling from the third floor of a house in Subramanya Nagar. The student was a 19-year-old boy.

The incident took place at around 4:30 in the morning. After receiving the information, Subramanya Nagar police visited the place and conducted an investigation. Police have expressed suspicion about the student's death and are checking surrounding CCTV cameras and other sources.

The deceased was studying at ASC College. He was in the final year of BBA and came home from Hegganahalli on Wednesday evening. Later, he left his bag at home and came near Milk Colony, Subramanya Nagar. According to the police, he died after falling from a building near Milk Colony. Preliminary information revealed that no suicide note or any other evidence was found in the student's pocket. **–BMB**

‘Landmark’ judgement: Builder must pay for delay

Consumer panel directs realty firm to refund money to customers who did not get flats

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The National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC) has directed city-based ND Developers to refund the amount paid by home buyers with an interest of 9% for failing to hand over the flats on time.

According to the complaint filed with the NCDRC against ND Developers Pvt Ltd and five others, more than 50 homebuyers booked flats at ND Laurel, a housing project at Gunjur, near Varthur in Bengaluru East on March 31, 2011.

As per the agreement, ND Developers Pvt Ltd had to ensure the legal possession of the flats with all promised facilities and amenities to the home buyers by December 2012 with an additional grace period of four months i.e. by March 2013. However, the company failed to hand over the flats to the home buyers even after the deadline. It is said the builder failed to get the occupancy certificate (OC) to the incomplete flats handed over to some of the buyers. It is said that among the 55 homebuyers, incomplete flats were handed over to 24 home buyers but no occupancy certificates were provided by the builder to them.

The NCDRC, chaired by Binoy Kumar, presiding member, and Sudip Ahluwalia, a member, has directed the opposite parties (ND Developers and land owners) to refund the entire amount deposited by the complainants along with delay compensation at 9% per annum on the deposited amount from the respective dates of deposits till realisation, within a period of two months.

“Any delay beyond two months will attract an interest rate of 12% per annum for the same period,” the NCDRC said.

As per pact, the flats near Varthur were to be given to the buyers by March 2013, but some of the work is unfinished even now

It has also directed the builder to complete the construction of the flats allotted to the complainants (24 home buyers) in all respects, duly obtaining the requisite OC at its own cost and responsibility and offer possession of the flats to the complainants within six months along with delay compensation at 8% per annum from the proposed date of possession as per the respective agreements which will include the grace period, till the offer of possession or obtaining OC, whichever is later.

“Any delay beyond two months, will attract an interest rate of 12% per annum for the same period. Pending applications, if any, stand disposed of,” the NCDRC said.

Home buyers have welcomed the NCDRC judgment and expect the builder to complete all pending works for those who are already in possession of the flats. “I am very happy with the NCDRC judgment. I have been waiting for the possession of the flat for the last 10 years. It is a good judgment,” said Santosh Krishnamurthy, one of the home buyers who lodged the complaint with the NCDRC.

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> –Santhosh Krishnamurthy, one of the home buyers

Welcoming the judgment, Alok Mishra, said he was happy with the outcome. “I have to see how the judgment will be executed. The builder is yet to get the occupancy certificate from the competent authority,” said Mishra.

Terming the judgment as historic, Chandrachur Bhattacharyya, a senior advocate argued on behalf of the complainants, said the home buyers have to fight for their rights. “It is a historic judgment that made not only the builder but also land owners liable for punishment for not handing over the flats to the home buyers on time,” said Bhattacharyya.

Dhananjay Padmanabhachar, Sanchalak of Karnataka Home Buyers Forum, described the judgment as a landmark one that can be a reference case for many home buyers as the commission has made landowners also equally responsible for the unacceptable delay in completion of the project and held them responsible for paying compensation to complainants.

‘Retain guest lecturers till syllabus is over’

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With the Department of College Education of the state government issuing a circular recently to continue the service of guest lecturers until December-end and end it thereafter, many students of first-year government degree colleges have sought further extension. They are demanding extension as the syllabus has still not been covered fully at many colleges.

The All India Democratic Students Organisation (AIDSO) of Karnataka State Committee have demanded for the extension of services of guest faculties in the state till the end of the academic year.

Guest lecturers’ services have been extended only till December 31

The association pointed out that the state government has ordered to end the service of all the guest faculties of the state on December 31. However, in reality, a majority of the universities in the state haven’t completed the syllabus of degree first semester yet and in some colleges syllabus of other years too are yet to be finished.

Sithara HM, Secretary of AIDSO, said, “Many universities depend on the service of those 10,000 guest lecturers for the entire academic activities including examination, evaluation etc. Due to the problem created by UUCMS portal and other problems, the portions couldn’t be completed. When the situation is thus, if government terminates the service of guest lecturers even before the academic year is over, it is unscientific and would lead to a serious crisis in academic activities.”

One student said that this year, admissions were late in the colleges due to which completion of the entire portions was delayed. “Not extending the guest lecturers’ service until the end of the academic year will only create a burden on the other teachers and students will be deprived of teachers.”

Another member of AIDSO said that it was best to have the guest faculty for a period until the portions are completed. “Many colleges have only one teacher per subject and cannot go to all classes. Completing the syllabus only with one professor is not possible,” they said.

State govt withdraws 6 pvt varsity bills

The Karnataka government on Thursday withdrew the bills to set up six private universities owing to objections not only from the opposition Congress and JD(S) but also from the ruling BJP MLAs in the Karnataka Assembly.

Higher Education Minister C N Ashwath Narayan tabled the GM University Bill, The Sapthagiri NPS University Bill, Rajya Vokkaligara Sangha University Bill, The T John University Bill, The Kishkinda University Bill and The Acharya University Bill.

As the GM University Bill came up for discussion on Thursday, Narayan said 40 per cent of the seats will be regulated, while the fees for the remaining 60 per cent will be based on the consensual agreement by the Fees Regulation Committee.

Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri, who is a former Primary and Secondary Education Minister, wondered whether any out-of-the-box thinking can be expected from these universities.

“Our students are flooding foreign universities. Why can’t we bring foreign students here for studies by giving a quality education?” Kageri said.

Stiff opposition in Assembly from Congress, JD(S) and even from within BJP forces withdrawal of bill to set up six new private universities

Backing the Speaker, Congress legislator Priyank Kharge said there should be change in the academic council and the appointment of the vice chancellors should not be political.

“You have rightly said that we lack the out-of-the-box thinking. We are creating highest unemployed engineers,” Kharge said.

“While the reputed universities of the globe show the Nobel laureates and prestigious award winners in their prospectus, the first thing our universities write is that the campus is spread of a sprawling 125 acres. Is this a university or a real estate business?” Kharge pointed out.

Another senior Congress MLA H K Patil advised the government to introduce an ordinance first instead of passing the bill without proper discussion.

BJP MLA Aravind Limbavali, who was the former Higher Education Minister, said the bill does not show any government control over these private universities. Two other BJP legislators Veerabhadrayya (Veeranna) Charantimath and Basavangouda Patil Yatnal too opposed the bills saying that a detailed discussion was needed.

The government had planned to get it passed in the assembly and also in the legislative council on Thursday. **–PTI**

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RITUALS HAVE REASONS

Crucial for humans throughout history, here's why we still need them

Each December, Christmas takes over our thoughts and our wallets as we participate in ceremonies our ancestors have practised for as long as we can remember. These are all examples of traditions. And in most cases, traditions are accompanied by rituals.

What's the difference?

In scientific terms, a "tradition" refers to the passing down of customs and beliefs from one generation to the next. A "ritual", on the other hand, is a series of actions performed according to a prescribed order, and which is often embedded in a larger symbolic system, such as religion or philosophy.

For example, while celebrating birthdays is a tradition, blowing out the candles on a cake is a ritual. Similarly, while getting married is a tradition, exchanging vows is a ritual.

New rituals can be created at any time. To become tradition, they only need to be understood and replicated by a wider community.

And it's not just in grand gestures that humans practise rituals; some are so embedded into our everyday lives we no longer recognise them. The very particular way someone makes their tea or coffee in the morning is a ritual they enact daily.

Basically, rituals are everywhere. That raises the question: why do we have them at all?

Archaeological evidence for the earliest ritual behaviour has very deep origins in humanity.

However, tracking these origins and their development is difficult as rituals often leave little or no physical traces behind for archaeologists to find.

Thus far, the best evidence for ancient rituals is the deliberate burial of loved ones.

The oldest example is found at Mt Carmel in Israel, where some 130,000 years ago a Neanderthal woman was laid to rest by her community.

Archaeologists also suggest the extensive use of coloured pigments (particularly bright red) to paint bodies, objects and rock walls points to the practice of "symbolic" behaviour, including ritual.

The oldest reliable evidence for colourant use dates to between 500,000 and 310,000 years ago comes from several archaeological sites in southern Africa.

Another type of evidence that is often intrinsically tied to rituals and traditions is musical instruments.

Bone flutes dating back to about 42,000 years ago have been found in Western Europe. How long people have used the very first instruments – the human voice, clapping hands and stomping feet – remains unknown.

> **Traditions are different from rituals: For example, while celebrating a birthday is a tradition, blowing out candles on a cake is a ritual**

Why do we have rituals?

Rituals play a very important role in human communities for a number of reasons.

First, rituals help reduce individual and collective anxieties, especially when we ourselves, our family, or our whole community are facing uncertain times or crises.

Research has shown that by praying or singing together we feel connected and supported and our anxiety is reduced. This may explain why Parisians were moved to sing together as they watched their beloved Notre Dame Cathedral burn in 2019.

Rituals also help reduce anxiety by allowing us to feel control over our surroundings.

For instance, new parents may be anxious about protecting their baby. Rituals that welcome the infant into the family and community help them feel they've done everything possible – including drawing on supernatural protection – to ensure their child's wellbeing.

Second, rituals bring people together to celebrate or otherwise mark important life milestones.

Births, graduations, marriages and deaths are all marked by rituals and traditions across the globe. These events provide a time and place to gather and encourage people to renew their bonds with friends and family.

These bonds are especially important in times of bad luck, which helps explain why the incentive to maintain them has endured through human history.

Imagine living tens of thousands of years ago, when human communities were much smaller and often lived farther apart.

If a volcano erupted, the resulting destruction could mean plant and animal resources – essential food and materials needed for survival – would not be available for months, or perhaps years.

You would then have to rely on the bonds you maintained with neighbouring communities through shared rituals. Such bonds would encourage the sharing of resources until circumstances improve.

Finally, rituals help us remember and share huge amounts of cultural information. By learning a format or pattern of behaviour through ritual, we can absorb information and recall it later more easily.

This approach works astonishingly well to ensure information is passed down orally over long periods. Thus far, the oldest story dated using scientific methods is the Aboriginal Gunditjmara people's story of the Budj Bim volcano eruption, which occurred 37,000 years ago in what is now south-western Victoria.

Being able to retain information about changes in the landscape, its plants, animals and people ultimately increased the likelihood that your family would not only survive – but thrive.

Rituals will remain

Without rituals, and the traditions in which they become embedded, it is unlikely humanity would have advanced to its current state of cultural and technological development.

We wouldn't have been able to continually gather and share information, maintain bonds over extensive geographical areas, or make it through difficult periods.

Despite being surrounded by increasingly complex technologies, rituals today remain more important than ever.

With extreme weather events and conflicts continuing to displace people all over the globe, they will act as an essential social glue that holds our communities together.

-By Michelle Langley, Associate Professor of Archaeology, Griffith University (The Conversation)

All problems solved

Dear Coleen

My husband and I are due to have our first relationship counselling session soon after the Christmas holidays.
It's a last-ditch attempt to save our marriage, but neither of us is that keen on going.
I can't stand the sight of him and he thinks therapy is a waste of money,
but we have two young children, so we're doing it with them in mind.
We've always had quite a volatile relationship, but now it's like that most of the time.
It's exhausting,
but we're in this cycle now and don't know how to break it.
We used to love each other, but the past few years have been a struggle. He's an impatient parent, which means he usually walks away, leaving me to deal with the kids.
He's also selfish and puts himself before us, going off on golf trips, nights out and so on, and I'm tired of always coming second.
Can counselling help us?.

COLEEN SAYS

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That might be realising the relationship is at the end of the road, but you've arrived there in a much more amicable fashion.
Life happens, people change, but you don't have to hate each other and you can still be good parents.
And when your kids are older, you can tell them you tried everything you could to make the marriage work.
So, I don't think it's a waste of time or money if it either helps you find each other again (because sometimes you just get lost) or it allows you to separate in the best way possible.
—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

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IAF successfully fires Brahmos missile from Sukhoi SU-30 MKI

The Indian Air Force on Thursday said that it has successfully fired the extended range version of Brahmos Air Launched Missile against a ship target from a Sukhoi SU-30MKI aircraft.

The IAF said that the missile can hit a target at a range of around 400 km. After being launched from a Su-30 fighter aircraft, the missile hit the target ship in the centre, achieving the desired mission objectives in firing conducted in the Bay of Bengal region.

With this, the IAF has achieved a significant capability boost to carry out precision strikes from SU-30MKI aircraft against land and sea targets over very long ranges, it added.

According to the IAF, the extended range capability of the missile coupled with the high performance of the SU-30MKI aircraft gives the IAF a strategic reach and allows it to dominate the future battlefields. The dedicated and synergetic efforts of IAF, Indian Navy, the DRDO, the BAPL and the HAL have been instrumental in achieving this feat, Defence Ministry officials added.

The IAF will be further strengthened with enhanced lethal capabilities by induction of new range of missile system, long-range guided bombs, the range augmentation kit for conventional bombs and advanced surveillance systems.

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Cough syrup deaths: India seeks details from Uzbekistan on investigations

#New Delhi

India is in touch with the Uzbek authorities and has sought details of the investigation carried out by them into the death of 18 children after allegedly consuming cough syrup made by an Indian firm, the External Affairs Ministry said on Thursday.

The Indian embassy in Tashkent also issued a statement on the matter and said it has maintained contacts with the Agency on Development of Pharmaceutical Industry and has requested it to share its investigation reports with the Indian side "so that necessary action may also be taken in India".

MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi also said consular assistance is being provided to some linked to the company who are facing legal action there.

Noting that the Uzbek authorities have not formally taken up the matter with New Delhi, he said,"nevertheless, our embassy has contacted the Uzbek side and is seeking further details of their investigation ... We understand that legal action has been initiated by the Uzbek authorities against some people, including the local representative of the company there".

"And in that context, we are extending necessary consular assistance to those individuals or individual," he said during a media briefing. As per the Uzbek authorities, the deaths appeared to have taken place over a period of two months, he said.

Responding to a question on a 'similar incident' in Gambia, Baghi said he was "hesitant to term it as a similar incident or not".

"There are proper investigative mechanisms to find out what happened. Each incident would be different ... I think the health authorities are the experts on what the investigation process is," the spokesperson said.

He said the Indian pharmaceutical industry has been a reliable supplier to countries across the world and continues to be in various forms of medicines or other pharma products. **PTI**

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Childline 1098 to merge with 112 on January 31, 2023

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emergency response support system (ERSS) 112 helpline of Ministry of Home Affairs and it has been decided to avail the services of Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC).

The Under Secretary has directed the Principal Secretaries of Women and Child Development and Social Justice to identify state level nodal officers and second level officers to support C-DAC by providing the necessary inputs.

"States and Union Territories will provide suitable and sufficient space/building for setting up Women and Child Development Control Room with proper electrical wiring with necessary power sockets and other basic infrastructure, wherein CHL (child helpline) and WHL (women helpline) call takers may be relocated," the Under Secretary said in the letter.

The project is being implemented in three phases. Karnataka has to complete the process in the third phase by the end of January 2023.

Meanwhile, child rights activists are up in arms against the Centre's decision to integrate Childline 1098 with ERSS 112.

Child rights activist Nagasimha G Rao said Childline 1098 was started with the objective of providing social security to children and protecting their rights, and that it has worked effectively in every state of the country, gradually earning a reputation of being a friend of children.

"Childline 1098 instills confidence in children, it should be maintained. Thousands of workers working at Childline 1098 are skilled in child law, child rights and child counselling. Such child friendly people are now afraid of becoming unemployed. Childline 1098 is a strong system built to protect children; this system needs to be strengthened and not abolished," Rao said.

Association for Promoting Social Action (APSA) executive director Lakshapathi Pendyala expressed concern over the lack of information or discussion with child rights activists about the integration of Childline 1098 with ERSS 112.

He said APSA has been managing Childline 1098 for the last 20 years and it has been functioning well. "I am of the opinion that the authorities concerned should have taken all the stakeholders into confidence before taking this decision. Many people are working with 1098 childline. I do not know what will happen to them," said Pendyala.

Radha R, a social worker with APSA said she is apprehensive about the job security of thousands of people working across the country at Childline 1098 centres. "There is no clarity on retaining the people working at the existing Childline 1098 centres. If they are not retained, it will lead to unemployment," said Radha.

Covid report mandatory for flyers from China, 5 other countries from January 1

A health worker collects swab sample for Covid test at an urban centre in Ahmedabad on Thursday

#New Delhi

A negative Covid report will be a must for passengers arriving in India from China, Hong Kong, Japan, South Korea, Singapore and Thailand from January 1, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said on Thursday.

The Covid test must be conducted within 72 hours of undertaking the journey to India and the negative report from the RT-PCR test has to be uploaded on the Air Suvidha portal before their departure, the minister said.

This requirement is in addition to the random testing of international passengers on their arrival in India irrespective of their port of departure. Last week, the government made random coronavirus testing mandatory for two per cent of passengers arriving on each international flight. Already many countries, including the US, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and Italy have announced testing requirements for passengers from China.

The government ramped up its surveillance against Covid-19 amid a spike in coronavirus cases in some countries, including China, and tightened Covid guidelines and asked states and Union territories to prepare for any eventuality.

According to the Union health ministry data on Thursday, India recorded 268 new coronavirus infections, while the active cases increased to 3,552.

The daily positivity rate was recorded at 0.11 per cent while the weekly positivity was pegged at 0.17 per cent, the ministry said. **PTI**

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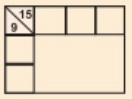

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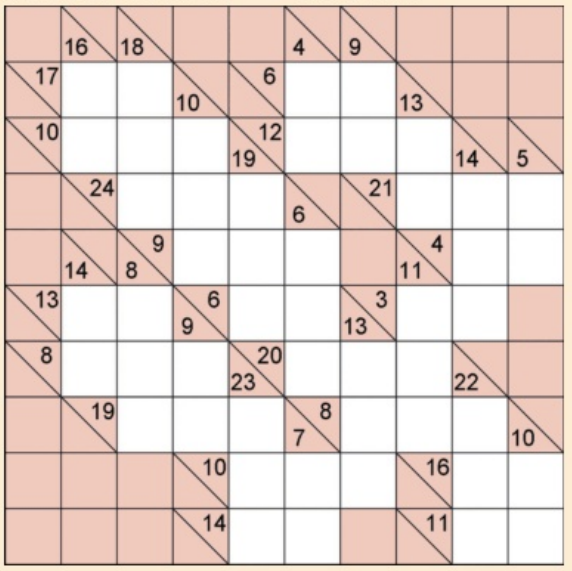

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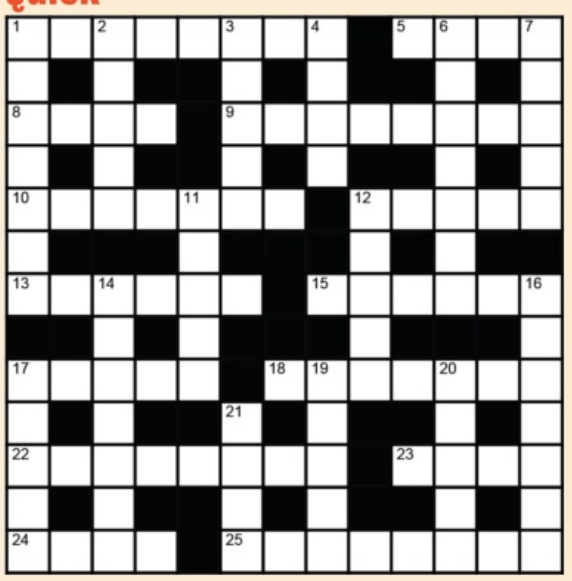


ACROSS

1 Extinct reptile (8)
5 Makes inquiries (4)
8 Sound quality (4)
9 Major south Indian river (8)
10 A small songbird (7)
12 State indirectly (5)
13 Meander (6)
15 Veteran convict? (3,3)
17 ___ for : hankers after greedily and avidly, in a way? (5)
18 Kidnaps (7)
22 Guerilla force who fought the USA in Vietnam (8)
23 Able was I, ___ __ saw Elba ? (3,1)
24 In a proper way (4)
25 Spilling the beans (8)

DOWN

1 Hates or abhors intensely (7)
2 Nurse for small children (5)
3 City in Rajasthan (5)
4 German river (4)
6 Surgeon's knife (7)
7 Piquant (5)
11 Book of maps (5)
12 Loafed (5)
14 ___ Market: Market In Shivajinagar (7)
16 Fighting for breath (7)
17 Enraged (5)
19 Prejudiced person (5)
20 Small dog (5)
21 Sullen expression (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: A EQUALS G

JWHSH NSH RX BHFSHJB JX BPFFHBB. CJ CB JWH SHB-PZJ XU GSHGNSNJCXR, WNST MXSO, NRT ZHNSRCRA USXI UNCZPSH.

Linemaro

If you were my waiter, I would tip you in kisses

Mindchow

If you don't have time to read, you don't have the time (or the tools) to write

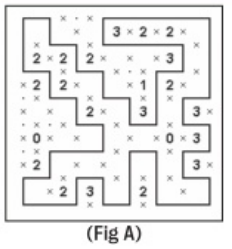
Joke of the day

Why did you swallow the coins, son?
You said it was lunch money, dad!

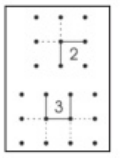
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

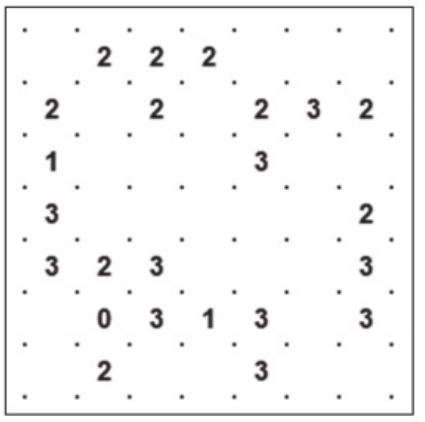


(Fig B) Not Allowed

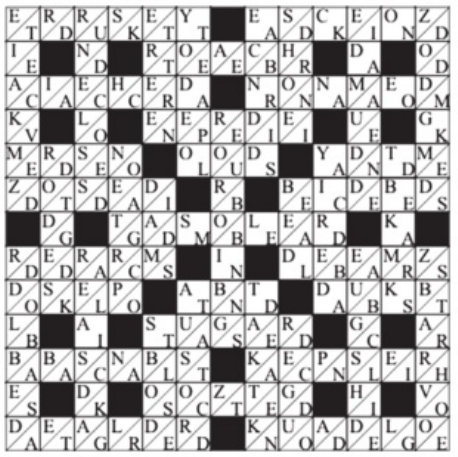
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



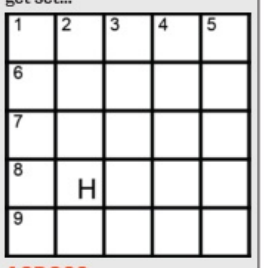
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Boers; 6 Tiara;
7 Saker; 8 Whale;
9 Slink

DOWN

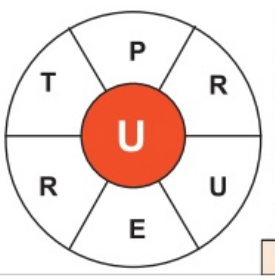
1 Raw LB; 2 Irish;
3 No kea; 4 Stake;
5 Laser

Mensapuzzle

What number should replace the question mark?

5	10	9	4
7	4	5	8
3	2	5	6
1	8	9	?

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

04 Average; 05 Good; 07 Outstanding

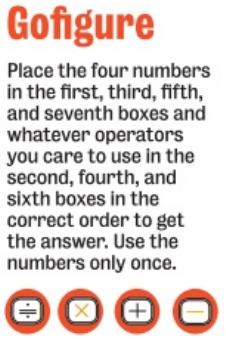
SudokuChallenge

	2		5		6	4		
6				2		9		
							2	6
8					2		4	9
		2	4		3	5		
5	4		6					7
3	5							
		4		9				1
		1	2		5		3	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy = 15
2 3 4 7

Medium = 16
2 3 6 9

Hard = 12
2 2 6 2

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Man is moved. 2. Tie is different. 3. Menu sign is different. 4. Hat is smaller. 5. Hair is different. 6. Stool is different.

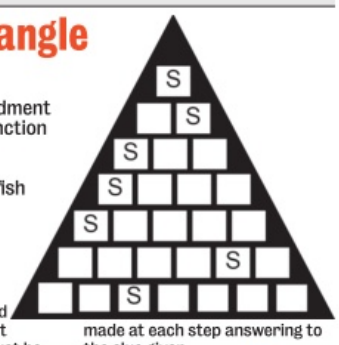
Riddler

In this teaser you must place a 3-letter word on the dashes to complete a word on the left and to begin another word with those letters on the right.

1. feat___oic=?
2. cour___nda=?
3. disp___over=?

Alpha triangle

1 Sulphur symbol
2 Less more
3 Break a commandment
4 Trigonometric function
5 From then
6 Cut into
7 Of or relating to fish



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

MEDICINE MAN! MEDICINE MAN!
POKEY JUST SWALLOWED A WHOLE BOTTLE OF PILLS!!
10-13
YOU DON'T MEAN THOSE REAL EXPENSIVE ONES I GAVE YOU YESTERDAY!
YEAH! ...THOSE ARE THE ONES!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT!... A LITTLE FLOUR AND SUGAR NEVER HURT ANYONE

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

WHAT ARE YOU GOING AS FOR HALLOWEEN?
I'M GOING AS SMUG OXYGEN
WHAT'LL YOU BE WEARING?
AN AIR OF SUPERIORITY
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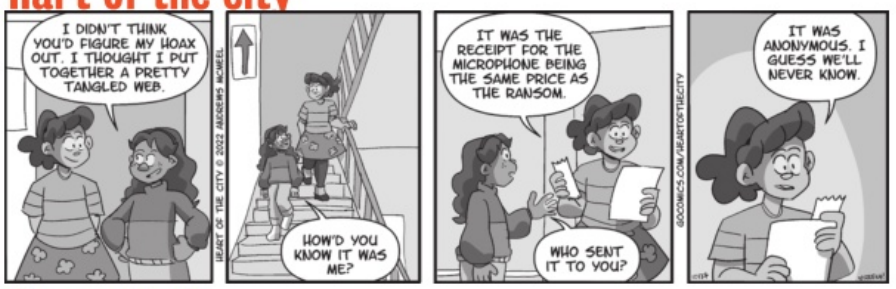
I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D FIGURE MY HOAX OUT. I THOUGHT I PUT TOGETHER A PRETTY TANGLED WEB.
HOW'D YOU KNOW IT WAS ME?
IT WAS THE RECEIPT FOR THE MICROPHONE BEING THE SAME PRICE AS THE RANSOM.
WHO SENT IT TO YOU?
IT WAS ANONYMOUS. I GUESS WE'LL NEVER KNOW.
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Crankshaft

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you are blessed by the moon and may enjoy time spent with your family and colleagues. You may become polite with the people around you, which may help with smooth completion of your work. You may find some new sources of earnings, which may boost your savings. You may also plan to renovate your house or office.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you are blessed by the positive moon. You may enjoy it at work. You may get rewards for your hard work. Your social respect may be increased now. Overworking your mind can make you tired. Due to your workload, you may not be able to reach some family events. Health issues related to your parents may be cured now.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you are blessed by the positive moon. You may be satisfied at work. You may plan for a short work-related trip. You may also plan for overseas travel. You may visit some spiritual place to maintain your inner peace. Your elders are likely to show you the right path, which may give you clarity in regarding your goals.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may feel dull and nervous, so it is advised to keep your mind cool. Try to keep patience and avoid arrogance in your way of speaking. You may not be able to recover your money. You are also advised to avoid going for adventure tours. Students are advised to go for in-depth study to get success.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you are blessed by the positive moon. You may feel good and domestic harmony can make you happy. You will meet some influential person who may help you to get some benefits on the work front. You may be likely to perform well at your job. You may expect some reward in terms of promotions. Disputes over inherited property may settle down.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you are blessed by the moon. You may be healthy. You may be able to focus on your goals. Your performance may be very good at work. Your boss may be happy with you. You may get some important responsibilities at work. You may hear good news in legal matters. You are likely to have control over your opponents.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you may be more intellectual. You may understand the value of the intellectual asset. You may control your short temperedness, which may help you to perform your tasks smoothly. There may be some chances for smooth earnings, which may give you comfort in terms of your workflow. You are advised to be careful before making new investments. Lovebirds may enjoy happy moments.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today your moon becomes negative. You may feel negativity around you. You may find your responsibilities to be a burden. You may be in a hurry to complete tasks given to you. You can make silly mistakes. Your working efficiency may slow down, which may affect your daily work. Your projects are likely to be delayed and may affect your business.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you are blessed by the moon. You may hear good news from your siblings. You may spend your time with family and friends. With the help of creativity, you may plan to renovate your house or office. You may start new partnerships with a family member, which will be beneficial in the near future. Your subordinates may help you in terms of a project.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you may feel negative. Tasks stay incomplete. You may be a victim of mood swings. our patience may be tested many times. Silly mistakes can make you confused. Lovebirds find themselves to be confused in terms of feelings. More expectations may affect your emotional attachment with your spouse. You are advised to take care of your parents. Students may lose their concentration.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today the positive moon may help you. You may feel happiness and peace of mind. You may work efficiently in your professional life. Your subordinates may cooperate with you while taking some important decisions in business. You may plan to start a new venture with the help of your siblings.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today your moon becomes negative and you may face detachment from responsibilities. You also spend more money by purchasing worthless items which may increase negativity in the house or office. You are advised to keep an eye on your opponents and rivals, otherwise you may be a victim of conspiracy. It is advised to read documents carefully before putting your signature on them.

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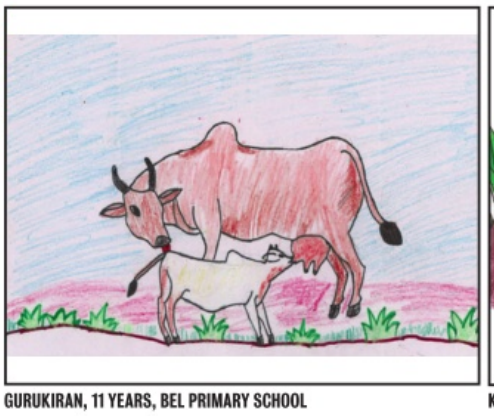

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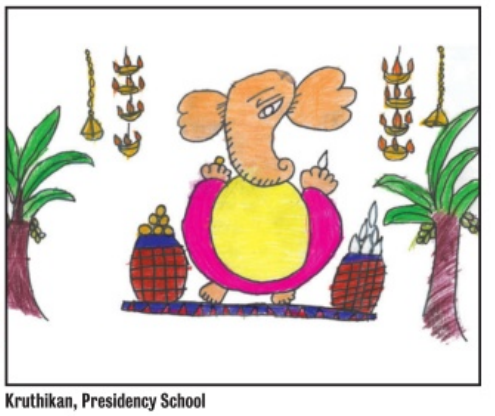

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
3-2(-9)÷2(3)-3
3+18÷2(3)-3
3+9(3)-3
3+27-3=27

BULL'S EYE
erupt, pure, purer, purr, RUPTURE, true, truer

STRIKE OUT

T	R	U	S	T	S	Y	A	S	C
I	N	R	O	A	C	H	D	O	
C	A	C	H	E	D	R	O	A	M
K	L	E	E	R	I	E	U	G	
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FAST FIVE

B	R	O	S	E
R	I	A	T	A
A	S	K	E	R
W	H	E	A	L
L	I	N	K	S

RIDDLER
1. featHER / HERoic,
2. courAGE / AGEnda,
3. displAY / LAYover

QUICK
DULY TATTLING
VIETCONG ERGEI
LUSTS ABDUCTS
STROLL OLDLAG
SKYLARK IMPLY
TONE MAHANADI
EAT JUPITER
DINOSAUR ASKSP

QUOTE UNCODE
There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure.

MENSA PUZZLE
2: in rows and columns alternate digits total the same, for example 5 + 9 = 10 + 4

SUDOKU

1	2	9	5	7	6	4	8	3
6	3	8	1	2	4	9	7	5
4	7	5	9	3	8	1	2	6
8	1	6	7	5	2	3	4	9
7	9	2	4	1	3	5	6	8
5	4	3	6	8	9	2	1	7
3	5	7	8	4	1	6	9	2
2	6	4	3	9	7	8	5	1
9	8	1	2	6	5	7	3	4

ALPHA TRIANGLE
S, Is, Sin, Sine, Since, Incise, Piscine.

GO FIGURE
Easy
3 x 7 - 2 - 4 = 15
Medium
3 - 2 + 9 + 6 = 16
Hard
6 x 2 / 2 x 2 = 12

LOOP

KAKURO

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 # Thai celebration

Bollywood actor Ananya Panday, on Thursday reached Thailand to celebrate the New Year. Taking to Instagram, Ananya shared a picture on her story with the location marked as Phuket, Thailand

THE BEST AWARD

Vicky Kaushal tells Big B about his moment of joy

Actor Vicky Kaushal shared that the best award he has received till now was a text from megastar Amitabh Bachchan praising his acting skills in his 2015 film 'Masaan'.

During a conversation with Big B on 'Kaun Banega Crorepati 14', he said: "I still recall my father calling my name at one in the morning with great joy and showing me the message he had received from you. I was asking when my father handed me his phone and showed me your message."

"I typed the entire message on my phone and realised it takes 90 seconds to type. I spent the entire night unable to sleep as I believed Mr Bachchan thought about me for a minute and a half in his whole day. One of the best awards I received was your text," he added.

Later on the show, the host received a video call from Vicky's father, Sham Kaushal. He told Big B about when he first saw him and how he got to know the host well while filming the movie 'Mard'. He also said: "'Masaan' was released on Friday, Amit ji saw the movie on Saturday and texted me at 1 am saying that he cannot believe it is Vicky's first film as he is so good and after reading that text I felt like crying tears of joy."**-IANS**

SANDALWOOD SHOTS

Y MAHESWARA REDDY

For family audiences

Dhananjay aka Dali Dhananjay has been acting in Kannada movies for a decade now. Most of his films, except Ratnan Prapancha and Badava Rascal, are for the masses. His upcoming Once Upon a Time In Jamaligudda, made in Kannada and Telugu, is aimed at the masses as well as family audiences.

The trailer of this movie was launched at Sri Balagangadharanatha Swamiji playground at Vijayanagar recently. Despite the rain, many fans waited to hear Dhananjay's speech. "As an actor, I too have a responsibility. Once Upon a Time In Jamaligudda has all the elements for the audience. It is the story of a prisoner, who escapes from a prison," said Dhananjay.

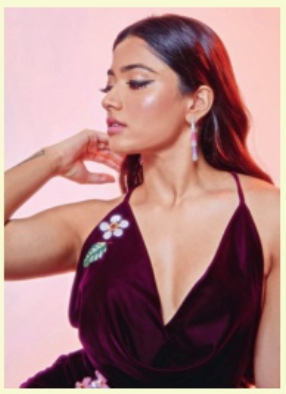
He appreciated producer Hari Reddy for his passion towards movies. "I am confident that this movie will become a huge success at the box office," he said.

From the art: Story of Yakshagana

The recent box-office hit Kantara brought alive the traditional culture of Kambala and Bootha Kala. Now, a movie is being made on Yakshagana that is scheduled to release on January 6, 2023. The movie Vaishampayana Theera is based on a 30-year-old novel written by Mahabala Murthy Kodlakere. The trailer of this movie was launched by veteran director Girish Kasaravalli at Chamundeshwari Studios on Tuesday. Kasaravalli appreciated director Ramesh Begar's effort.

"I am very happy to direct Vaishampayana Theera that revolves around the lives of Yakshagana artistes in Dakshina Kannada. The movie also narrates the relationship between people and nature. I have included a crime element too," said Begar. The movie was shot in and around Sringeri. "A majority of the artistes of this movie are from Sringeri," said Begar.

On a song and dance



Rashmika Mandanna is being trolled once again for "forgetting and looking down upon her roots".

The 'Pushpa' star, whose Hindi movie 'Mission Majnu' with Siddharth Malhotra is releasing soon, stated during the film's promotions that in Bollywood, romantic songs have a tradition, whereas in the south, there are only masala songs and item numbers.

"For me, when I was growing up, romantic songs meant Bollywood romantic songs," Rashmika said, upsetting her fans and followers.

"In the south we have all mass masala songs, item numbers and dance numbers. This is my first Bollywood romantic song from the film 'Mission Majnu'. I am excited because it's so good and I am waiting for you all to listen to it," Rashmika continued.

Rashmika earlier landed into a controversy by saying that the production house that launched her through the Kannada movie 'Kirik Party', which was directed by Rishab Shetty. **-IANS**

Not just skin-deep

Anu Aggarwal recalled an incident where she walked out of a project when people started applying fair make up on her.

In an interview with a news portal, Anu said that there were many things that were considered 'not acceptable' about her. Speaking about the fair skin complexion in India, the actress pointed out that the women in warrior avatar from states like Rajasthan were dusky. Colourism was never an issue. According to her, the white skin complex came with the British. It is 250 years old. It never became an issue for more.

However, Anu said that she never felt the need to live up to these unreasonable standards of beauty. She was like if you like me you take me or let it be. The actress recalled an incident that happened in 1988 where she walked out of a modelling assignment as they began using fair make-up on her face. She walked out of there with her handbag, Anu told Bollywood Life. **-ETimes**

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